# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# LABOUR
# LOK SABHA

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**Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:**

(a) whether a proposal to make Union Law for labourers engaged in agriculture and construction works is under consideration of the Government.

(b) if so, the salient features thereof;

(c) whether State Governments have been consulted in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the present status of above Union Law?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT ( SHRI MUNI LALL )

(a) to (e): Government have enacted two legislations viz. The Building and Other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1996 and the Building and Other Construction Workers` Welfare Cess Act, 1996. These Acts provide for regulation of service conditions and health and safety of the building & other construction workers. There is also a provision of constitution of State Building & Other Construction Workers` Welfare Board to provide certain social security and welfare measures to these workers which inter-alia include payment of premia for Group Insurance Scheme, immediate assistance in case of accident, old-age pension, health care, loans & advances for construction of house, education to the children etc.

A proposal to enact a comprehensive Central Legislation for agricultural workers i s under consideration o f the Government. The matter was discussed in the Conference of the State Labour Ministers held on 18.1.2000 in New Delhi to reach consensus on various components of the draft bill. The proposal is being re-examined on the basis of the views/comments of the State Governments.